(c) the actual strength of teachers at present;

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed to meet the shortage of teachers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The absolute number of teachers at primary level is 28,05,138 as per data of District Information System of Education (DISE) 2005.

The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for Government primary schools in the country is 1:39 against an ideal ratio of 1:40.

(d) and (e) States with adverse PTR's have been sanctioned additional teachers under SSA, for instance, 184081 teachers to Bihar, 83709 to Jharkhand, 233583 to UP and 87881 to West Bengal, upto 2006-07.

Deemed university status to Ramadevi Women College

3369. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give deemed university status to Ramadevi Women College in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proposal in this context has been received by the Centre from State Government; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.